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1 in hydrothermal Peruvian pyrite and was considered to be substituted for Fe based on the 14 negative correlation between the concentrations of the two elements. Here, we provide the 15 first observation of the incorporation of As<sup>3+</sup> in goldfieldite (Cu<sub>12</sub>(As,Sb,Bi)<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>2</sub>S<sub>13</sub>) and As<sup>5+</sup> 16 in colusite  $(Cu_{26}V_2(As,Sb)_4Sn_2S_{32})$  inclusions in  $As^{1-}$ -pyrite from high-sulfidation deposits in 17 Peru. This information was obtained by combining spatially-resolved electron probe (EPMA), 18 synchrotron-based X-ray fluorescence (SXRF) and absorption spectroscopy (micro-XANES 19 20 and micro-EXAFS) with new high energy-resolution XANES spectroscopy (HR-XANES). The two Cu sulfide inclusions range from several to one hundred micrometers in size and the 21 As<sup>3+</sup>/As<sup>5+</sup> concentration varies from a few parts-per-million (ppm) to a maximum of 17.33 22 wt%, compared to a maximum of 50 ppm  $As^{1-}$  in pyrite. They also contain variable amounts 23 of Sn (18.47 wt% max.), Te (15.91 wt% max.), Sb (8.54 wt% max.), Bi (5.53 wt% max.), and 24 V (3.25 wt% max.). The occurrence of  $As^{3+}/As^{5+}$ -containing sulfosalts in  $As^{1-}$ -containing 25 pyrite grains indicates that oxidizing hydrothermal conditions prevailed during the late stage 26 of the mineralization process in the ore deposits from Peru. 27

28 **Keywords**: Pyrite, goldfieldite, colusite, arsenic, high-sulfidation deposits

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# Introduction

In sulfide ore deposits, arsenic occurs commonly as realgar (As<sub>4</sub>S<sub>4</sub>), orpiment (As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>), 31 and arsenopyrite (FeAsS), and less commonly as enargite ( $Cu_3AsS_4$ ), tennantite ( $Cu_12As_4S_{13}$ ), 32 and luzonite (Cu<sub>3</sub>AsS<sub>4</sub>) (Fleet and Mumin 1997; Baumgartner et al. 2008; Bendezu and 33 Fontboté 2009). Even more frequently, however, As occupies substitutional position, as in 34 pyrite (FeS<sub>2</sub>) and in complex sulfosalt minerals, such as colusite (Spry et al. 1994). Arsenian 35 36 pyrite is of particular interest because it can contain as much as ~20 wt% As in hydrothermal Au deposits (Reich et al. 2005), and the release of As in acid mine drainage poses a threat to 37 ecosystems and humans. 38

Arsenic is nominally trivalent  $(As^{3+})$  in tennantite (Moelo et al. 2008) and five-valent 39 (As<sup>5+</sup>) in enargite (Kouzmanov et al. 2004), colusite (Frank-Kamenitskaya et al. 2002), and 40 luzonite (Moelo et al. 2008). It can occur in three oxidation states in arsenian pyrite. The 41 usual type is As<sup>1-</sup>. As<sup>1-</sup>-pyrite is abundant in Carlin-type and low-sulfidation epithermal and 42 hydrothermal gold deposits (e.g., Simon et al. 1999; Savage et al. 2000; Paktunc 2008; 43 44 Deditius et al. 2014). The nominal 1- oxidation state was informed by XANES spectroscopy 45 (e.g., Simon et al. 1999; Paktunc 2008), and on the basis of EXAFS spectroscopy As substitutes for S (Savage et al. 2000). Indirect structural evidence for this substitution is 46 47 provided by the negative correlation between S and As concentrations (Fleet et al. 1989; Deditius et al. 2014). 48

A second type, As<sup>3+</sup>-pyrite, has been described in high-sulfidation epithermal deposits from Peru and Japan and is considered to be formed under oxidizing conditions (Deditius et al. 2008; Tanimizu et al. 2009). The 3+ oxidation state was established by XPS and XANES, and Deditius et al. (2008) suggested that As<sup>3+</sup> substitutes for Fe based on the negative correlation between the two elements measured by EPMA. Chouinard et al. (2005) had suggested earlier that one  $As^{3+}$  and one  $Ag^{+}$  substitute for two  $Fe^{2+}$ , effectively balancing the total charge.

A third type,  $As^{2+}$ -pyrite, has been reported from hydrothermal synthesis with  $As_2O_3$ 56 and Na<sub>2</sub>HAsO<sub>4</sub>•7H<sub>2</sub>O (Oian et al. 2013). A nominal oxidation state of 2+ was derived from 57 the comparison with the XANES spectrum of realgar  $(As^{2+}AS_4)$  and by XPS. Incorporation of 58  $As^{2^{+/3^{+}}}$  at the Fe site in synthetic pyrite has been demonstrated by EXAFS supplemented with 59 density functional theory (DFT) (Le Pape et al. 2017). Despite these progresses in the 60 identification and characterization of the oxidized forms of As in pyrite, their structural 61 chemistry is as yet unknown in natural pyrite. There is no firm indication that As<sup>3+</sup> substitutes 62 for Fe<sup>2+</sup>, nor that As<sup>2+</sup> naturally exists in pyrite, and arsenian pyrite can contain micro-63 inclusions of As<sup>3+</sup>/As<sup>5+</sup> Cu sulfides (Huston et al. 1995; Vikentyev et al. 2004; Pačevsky et al. 64 2008). 65

In this study, we used high energy-resolution XANES (HR-XANES) and laterally-66 resolved micro-XANES and micro-EXAFS spectroscopy, in combination with synchrotron-67 based X-ray fluorescence (SXRF) elemental mapping and electron probe microanalysis 68 (EPMA), to determine the oxidation state and crystal chemistry of As in three hydrothermal 69 pyrite from Peru.  $As^{3+}$  and  $As^{5+}$  were identified in Cu-sulfide minerals that represent 70 inclusions in the three pyrite. This work is the first to show As K-edge XANES and EXAFS 71 measurements on Cu-sulfide minerals, here goldfieldite and colusite, and to report their 72 structural formulae. The results provide new insights into the substitutional mechanisms of 73  $As^{3+}$  and  $As^{5+}$  in copper sulfosalts that are common in polymetallic epithermal deposits. 74

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Materials and methods

77 One pyrite comes from the Huanzala mine in central Peru (2P), another from the Canchague mining district in northern Peru (3P), and the third is from an unknown Peruvian 78 locality (1P). The three specimen are massive aggregates of pyrite crystals up to 8 mm in size 79 (Supplementary Fig. S1). Parts of the samples were ground into powder in a glove bag filled 80 with He to prevent oxidation. Mineralogical purity was verified by X-ray diffraction 81 82 (Supplementary Fig. S2) and chemical composition was analyzed by inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS). Powder HR-XANES measurements were performed on 83 beamline ID26 at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF, Grenoble) using a 84 85 high-luminosity crystal multianalyzer (Rovezzi et al., 2017). This analyzer provides the resolution that is needed to remove the intense background signal coming from the Fe  $K_{\alpha/\beta}$ 86 fluorescence and the Compton and elastic scattering, which otherwise would saturate the 87 detector in total fluorescence yield (TFY) detection mode (Supplementary material). 88 Fragments of pyrite crystals were embedded in epoxy resin and polished for EPMA, SXRF 89 mapping, micro-XANES and micro-EXAFS in TFY. X-ray micro analysis and spectroscopy 90 were performed on the ESRF beamline BM23. The reference compounds used for HR-91 XANES and TFY-XANES spectroscopy (FeAsS, As<sub>4</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) were diluted in NB to 92 93 prevent overabsorption (Manceau et al. 2002). Only the energy of the white line, which is 94 independent of the mode of measurement, is used in the comparison of HR-XANES and TFY-XANES spectra. The methods are detailed in the Supplementary material. 95

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### **Results and discussion**

### 98 Element composition and distribution

99 Trace element contents vary by a factor of approximately two in the three bulk pyrite
100 (Table 1). As concentrations range from 122 ppm to 265 ppm, Cu concentrations from 1376
101 ppm to 2838 ppm, Sb concentrations from 42 ppm to 76 ppm, and Bi concentrations from 126

ppm to 164 ppm. Microscopic observations and analyses show that these elements are not uniformly distributed within each pyrite grain. No growth-zoning compositional variations are observed on bulk BSE images (Fig. 1). However,  $<1 - 200 \mu$ m inclusions of brighter BSE intensity, thus from higher Z elements than Fe in pyrite, are observed in all grains. Some of the inclusions are concentrically aligned, probably perpendicularly to the growth direction (Brooker et al. 1987). Outer parts of pyrite grains usually lack inclusions (Fig. 1 and Supplementary Fig. S3).

109 EPMA analyses of As and Cu in pyrite crystals range from the minimum detection 110 limit of 20 ppm to a maximum of As = 50 ppm and Cu = 80 ppm. Zn, Te, Bi, V, and Sn are below the detection limits (b.d.l., Table S1). EPMA analyses of the pyrite inclusions show 111 large mineralogical variability within the Cu-sulfide compositional fields of enargite 112 (Cu<sub>3</sub>AsS<sub>4</sub>), Sn-rich colusite (Cu<sub>26</sub> $V_2$ As<sub>4</sub>Sn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>32</sub>), the solid-solution between the end-members 113 tennantite ( $Cu_{12}As_4S_{13}$ ) and stoichiometric goldfieldite ( $Cu_{10}Te_4S_{13}$ , henceforth arsenian 114 goldfieldite abbreviated as As- goldfieldite), bornite (Cu<sub>5</sub>FeS<sub>4</sub>), and a sulfide from the 115 mawsonite group (Cu<sub>6</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>SnS<sub>8</sub>; Table S2). The five Cu-sulfides are present in pyrite 3P, four 116 117 of them, enargite, colusite, goldfieldite, and mawsonite, are present in 1P, and only colusite 118 and bornite are present in 2P (Fig. 1). As concentration varies from 16.77-17.33 wt% in 119 enargite down to b.d.1.-2.96 wt% in bornite and mawsonite. Apart from As, the Cu-sulfides have elevated concentrations of Sb (up to 8.54 wt% in As-goldfieldite), Bi (up to 5.53 wt% in 120 121 As-goldfieldite), V (up to 3.25 wt% in colusite), Sn (up to 18.47 wt% in mawsonite), and Te (8.37-15.91 wt%. in As-goldfieldite). 122

The high concentration of As and its detection in almost all point analyses allow estimating the weight proportion of the Cu-sulfide inclusions in the pyrite grains. Dividing the As bulk concentrations of 122 ppm in 1P, 265 ppm in 2P, and 169 ppm in 3P by the average As point concentrations of 7.46 wt% in 1P inclusions, 8.34 wt% in 2P inclusions, and 6.51 wt% in 3P inclusions yields 0.2% for 1P, 0.3% for 2P, and 0.3% for 3P. This proportion is remarkably constant. This finding can be rationalized genetically in terms of the contemporaneity of the circulating hydrothermal fluids at the origin of the Cu-sulfide precipitates in the three pyrite grains.

Colusite and As-goldfieldite are examined in more detail below for three reasons. First, they are by far the two most abundant Cu-sulfides in the pyrite grains. Out of 39 EPMA analyses, each Cu-sulfide mineral was identified 14 times (Table S2). Second, their composition is variable and nonstoichiometric as a result of homovalent and heterovalent coupled substitutions and the associated occurrence of vacancies. Third, arsenic is considered to be five-valent in colusite and trivalent in As-goldfieldite, yet its formal oxidation state has never been determined directly by X-ray absorption spectroscopy.

### 138 Chemical formulae

The nonstoichiometric formula of As-goldfieldite 139 can be written  $Cu_{10+x}^{+}(As,Sb,Bi)_{x}^{3+}Te_{4+x}^{4+}S_{13}$  and the nonstoichiometric formula of colusite can be written 140  $Cu_{24+x}^{+}V_{2}^{+}(As,Sb)_{6-x}^{+}Sn_{x}^{+}S_{32}$  with  $0 \le x \le 2$  (Spry et al. 1994; Pohl et al. 1996; Trudu and 141 Knittel 1998; Frank-Kamenetskaya et al. 2002; Wagner and Monecke 2005). Vacancies do 142 not exceed two per formula unit (*pfa*). The two sulfides may contain in addition minor  $Fe^{2+}$ 143 and Zn<sup>2+</sup> usually assigned to the Cu<sup>+</sup> position. The chemical formulae of the two Cu-sulfides, 144 calculated on the basis of 13 S and 32 S pfa and averaged over all EPMA point analyses, are: 145

146 As-goldfieldite: 
$$(Cu^{+}_{11.9}Fe^{2+}_{0.4})(As^{3+}_{1.4}Sb^{3+}_{0.5}Bi^{3+}_{0.2})Te^{4+}_{1.6}S_{13}$$

147 Colusite: 
$$(Cu^{+}_{25.3}Fe^{2+}_{0.7})(V^{5+}_{1.7}Fe^{2+}_{0.6})(As^{5+}_{3.3}Sb^{5+}_{0.3})Sn^{4+}_{2.0}S_{32}$$

The colusite chemical formulae are close to the ideal stoichiometry of  $Cu_{26}V_2As_4Sn_2S_{32}$  in 2P only. The total number of cations in the average formulae is 16.18 for As-goldfieldite and 33.83 for colusite, close to the number of crystallographic sites *pfa* of 16 and 34, respectively. Therefore, the two minerals have few vacancies. The total cationic charges are 25.88 for Asgoldfieldite and 62.11 for colusite, in good compliance with the formula unit for Asgoldfieldite (2 x 13 = 26), but in a deficit of (2 x 32.0) - 61.1 = 2.9 positive charges for colusite. The charge unbalance in 1P and 3P arises from a deficiency in  $As^{5+}$  and  $V^{5+}$  and could be compensated by assuming that Fe is partly trivalent in the structure, for instance at the  $V^{5+}$  interstitial site (Kouzmanov et al., 2004). Filling up this site with Fe in the average formula is supported by the Pearson analysis, which shows a statistically significant negative correlation between Fe and V (r = -0.98 at P = 0.05).

## 159 Oxidation state of As in bulk pyrite grains

Pyrite 1P, 2P, and 3P have nearly identical HR-XANES shape and a white line energy 160 position intermediate between those of arsenopyrite (FeAs<sup>1-</sup>S, 11867.6 eV) and As<sup>3+</sup><sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 161 (11870.0 eV; Figs. 2a and 2b). From the first derivative, the XANES maxima are at 11869.4 162 eV for 3P and 11869.7 eV for 1P and 2P. With a precision on the energy measurement of 0.1 163 eV (see SI), the chemical shift of 0.3 eV between  $As_{2}^{3+}O_{3}$  and 1P/2P on the one hand, and 164 between 1P/2P and 3P on the other hand, is significant. It suggests a valence mixture of As in 165 the three samples and a higher proportion of reduced As in 3P. Distinction of 3P from 1P and 166 2P is also apparent in the low-energy absorption tail at 11864.0-11866.0 eV (arrow in Fig. 167 168 2a).

### 169 Oxidation state of As in pyrite and in Cu-sulfide inclusions

Five micro-XANES spectra were measured on points of interest from the SXRF map of 3P (Fig. 3). One spectrum was taken in pyrite (spot 1) and two spectra on As-goldfieldite (spots 2 and 3) and two on colusite (spots 4 and 5). The pyrite spectrum is at the white line energy of arsenopyrite (FeAs<sup>1-</sup>S), as is known when As<sup>1-</sup> substitutes for S<sup>1-</sup> in the pyrite structure (Simon et al. 1999; Paktunc 2008). Less directly evident, the colusite spectrum is at the energy of As<sup>3+</sup><sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (11870.0 eV). The same energy match with As<sup>3+</sup><sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was observed previously for enargite (Cu<sub>3</sub>AsS<sub>4</sub>; Di Benedetto et al. 2011). Since As is +5 in the two sulfides

(Pauporté and Lincot 1995; Frank-Kamenitskaya et al. 2002), we come to the definite 177 conclusion that the absorption energy of  $As^{3+}_{2}O_{3}$  is characteristic of  $As^{5+}$  in sulfide minerals. 178 The leftward shift of 3.5 eV between  $As^{5+}$ -colusite/enargite and  $As^{5+}_{2}O_{5}$  (11873.5 eV) results 179 from the higher covalent character of the As-S bond than the As-O bond. Dependence of the 180 absorption edge energy on the metal-ligand bonding has been observed previously for 181  $As^{3+}/As^{5+}$  and  $Cu^{+}/Cu^{2+}$  coordination complexes with O and S donors (Kau et al. 1987; Smith 182 et al. 2005), and for Cu<sup>+</sup>/Cu<sup>2+</sup> oxides and sulfides (Manceau and Matynia 2010). The 183 absorption edge of As-goldfieldite is at 11868.5 eV, between those of As<sup>1-</sup>-pyrite and As<sup>5+</sup>-184 colusite. This white line energy position is assigned to  $As^{3+}$  on the basis of the known crystal 185 chemistry of goldfieldite (Pohl et al. 1996; Trudu and Knittel 1998; Di Benedetto et al., 186 2011). 187

The proportions of the oxidized  $(As^{5+})$  and reduced  $(As^{1-} + As^{3+})$  forms of arsenic in 188 the pyrite grains can be estimated from the absorption energy of the bulk spectra. Bulk 189 XANES is a weighted sum of all As species in the pyrite grains that include As<sup>1-</sup>-pyrite, As<sup>3+</sup>-190 goldfieldite, and As<sup>5+</sup>-containing Cu-sulfides (colusite, enargite, and likely mawsonite). The 191 fractional amount of each oxidation state cannot be estimated univocally from the white line 192 energy position of bulk XANES because there are three unknowns instead of two maxima for 193 a regression analysis of the white line energy. For instance, a bulk average energy of 11868.5 194 eV may correspond to 100%  $As^{3+}$ -goldfieldite or to 60%  $As^{1-}$ -pyrite + 40%  $As^{5+}$ -195 colusite/enargite (11867.6 x 0.6 + 11870.0 x 0.4 = 11868.5). The white line energy of 1P/2P 196 (11869.7 eV) can be obtained with  $10\% \text{ As}^{1-} + 90\% \text{ As}^{5+}$  and with  $20\% \text{ As}^{3+} + 80\% \text{ As}^{5+}$ , and 197 the white line energy of 3P with 25%  $As^{1-}$  + 75%  $As^{5+}$  and with 40%  $As^{3+}$  + 60%  $As^{5+}$ . 198 Grouping together the two indistinguishable reduced forms, one gets  $15\% \text{ As}^{1-1}/\text{As}^{3+} + 85\%$ 199  $As^{5+}$  for 1P/2P and 30%  $As^{1-}/As^{3+}$  + 70%  $As^{5+}$  for 3P. Thus, mainly  $As^{5+}$  is detected by bulk 200 XANES, which is consistent with the abundance of As<sup>5+</sup>-containing colusite and occurrence 201

of  $As^{5+}$ -rich enargite in the Cu-sulfide inclusions (Table S2). Although  $As^{1-}$  probably occurs throughout the pyrite crystals, here it is a minor species while in other geological settings it is dominant (Savage et al. 2000).

### 205 Coordination of As in Cu-sulfide inclusions

As K-edge micro-EXAFS spectra were measured on As-goldfieldite (spot 2) and 206 colusite (spot 4). The spectrum of colusite was fit with 4 S atoms at 2.23 Å, 6.8 Cu atoms at 207 3.64 Å and 5.2 Cu atoms at 3.81 Å (Fig. 4a and Supplementary Table S3) The EXAFS 208 parameters agree with the sphalerite-type structure of colusite and with the d(As-S) = 2.20 Å 209 210 and d(As-Cu) = 3.66-3.73 Å distances determined by single-crystal structural refinement (Spry et al. 1994). The twelve As-Cu pairs across the tetrahedral corner linkages are at the 211 212 same distance in sphalerite (space group F-43m), whereas they are split in colusite (space group P-43n). The higher structural disorder of colusite was confirmed by fitting its EXAFS 213 spectrum with one Cu shell instead of two in the best-fit calculation (Fig. 4b). This model-fit 214 215 does not replicate well all the EXAFS structures and yields 2.5 Cu neighbors instead of 12 and an unrealistically low Debye-Waller factor ( $\sigma = 0.005$  Å). The local structure of the As 216 217 environment is even more disordered in As-goldfieldite since only the first S shell is detected in this mineral. Best fit results are obtained with 3 S atoms at 2.27 Å (Fig. 4c), in agreement 218 with the As<sup>3+</sup> for Te<sup>4+</sup> substitution at the three-fold pyramidal site determined by Rietveld 219 refinement (Pohl et al. 1996). The crystallographic As<sup>3+</sup>-S distance is however unknown 220 because As has a site occupancy of 0.1 in the refined structure. The average 221 d(Te<sub>0.625</sub>Sb<sub>0.25</sub>As<sub>0.125</sub>)-S crystallographic value is 2.31 Å. The shorter As-S bond length 222 observed here is consistent with the smaller ionic radius of  $As^{3+}$  than  $Te^{4+}$ . 223

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### 225 **Implications**

226 The association of pyrite with Cu-bearing minerals, such as enargite, colusite, As-227 goldfieldite and mawsonite, is common in high-sulfidation deposits (e.g., Mancano and Campbell 1995; Baumgartner et al. 2008; Bendezu and Fontboté 2009; Franchini et al. 2015), 228 and has been described previously in the porphyry Cu-Au deposit from Peru (Baumgartner et 229 230 al. 2008; Bendezu and Fontboté 2009; Catchpole et al. 2012; Fontboté et al., 2017). However, 231 to our knowledge occurrences of As-goldfieldite and colusite in Canchaque mine (Carlson and Sawkins 1980) and As-goldfieldite in Huanzala mine (Imai et al. 1985; Imai 1999) in 232 Peru have never been described before. From a genetic perspective, the distribution, 233 234 composition, and crystal chemistry of the sulfosalt inclusions help unravel the ore formation 235 in Peruvian deposits.

The crudely concentric patterns of the inclusions that probably parallel the radial 236 growth of the pyrite crystals, and the relatively large crystal sizes (up to 100 µm), suggest that 237 the inclusions are syngenetic (Craig et al. 1998). The Cu-sulfide minerals and the host pyrite 238 belong to the main ore stage formation that followed the early quartz-pyrite stage (e.g., 239 240 Carlson and Sawkins 1980; Imai et al. 1985; Bendezu and Fontboté 2009). Formation of pyrite is typical in the main ore-forming stage in Peruvian deposits including Huanzala mine 241 242 (Imai et al. 1985). The presence of colusite, enargite, As-goldfieldite and mawsonite indicate 243 high-sulfidation conditions and low to medium temperatures (~200-300°C) of the hydrothermal fluid during the main ore-forming stage (Bendezu and Fontboté 2009; Dill et al. 244 245 2010; Catchpole et al. 2012). Moreover, the high valence states of As in Cu-sulfides suggest that the ore-forming fluid had high  $f_{O2}$  (Kase et al. 1994; Trudu and Knittel 1998). The 246 247 absence of the Cu-sulfide mineral inclusions in the outer parts of pyrite grains suggests that the circulating hydrothermal fluid was depleted in Cu, As, Te, Sb, Sn, V and Bi, and 248 designates the termination of the ore-forming process. Thus, detailed investigation of pyrite 249 250 provides insight into the evolution of the hydrothermal process.

251 Hot spots of arsenic in pyrite inclusions may cause confusion in identifying its speciation when the host crystal contains  $As^{3+}$  in its structure. This situation can be 252 encountered in high-sulfidation epithermal deposits, such as occurs in the Yanacocha gold 253 setting from northwest of Peru. This deposit contains trivalent arsenic in the form of As<sup>3+</sup>-254 pyrite, in which  $As^{3+}$  substitutes for Fe (Deditius et al. 2008). However, other minerals 255 256 containing oxidized forms of arsenic, including enargite and tennantite, have been reported in this mineralized setting (Longo et al. 2010; Teal and Benavides 2010). Thus, if caution is not 257 exercised, there can be an ambiguity on the chemical and structural form of As. In general a 258 259 combination of bulk averaging and laterally-resolved analytical and spectroscopic techniques is ideally suited for evaluating trace element distributions and chemical speciation in pyrite, 260 especially of hydrothermal origin. 261

From an environmental perspective, high concentrations of potentially toxic As, Cu, Te, Sn, Sb, and Bi in pyrite, which at first sight appears pure when massive and shiny like here (Fig. S1), may pose a specific threat to ecosystems in acid mine drainage settings. Even more toxic and little studied is thallium, which is classified as a priority contaminant by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Its speciation in geogenic pyrite is as yet unknown (D'Orazio et al. 2017), and the combination of techniques used in this study offers a unique access to the problem.

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### 424 Figure Legends

Figure 1. Backscattered electron images of pyrite from Peru. The brighter zones are Cu
sulfides rich in As (up to 17.33 wt %), Sb, Sn, Te, and trace elements. The red rectangle
indicates the position of the SXRF map in Figure 3a.

**Figure 2.** (a) Bulk HR-XANES spectra from the three pyrite. Arrow indicates distinction of

3P from 1P and 2P in the low-energy absorption tail. (b) Bulk HR-XANES spectra of 1P

430 pyrite and As references: natural arsenopyrite (FeAsS) and realgar (As<sub>4</sub>S<sub>4</sub>), and synthetic

431 As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, and As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. Vertical lines indicate the white line energy positions for As<sup>1-</sup> (11867.6

432 eV),  $As^{3+}$  in  $As_2O_3$  (11870.0 eV) and  $As^{5+}$  in  $As_2O_5$  (11873.5 eV).

**Figure 3.** (a) SXRF map of 3P pyrite. Map size:  $240x280 \ \mu\text{m}^2$ , pixel size:  $10x10 \ \mu\text{m}^2$ . (b)

434 micro TFY-XANES (pyrite, As-goldfieldite, colusite) and bulk HR-XANES spectra (As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>,

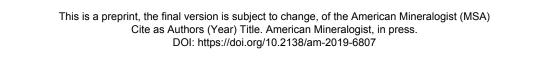
435  $As_2O_5$ ). TFY-XANES spectra have a low-energy tail, which HR-XANES spectra do not have 436 because they were measured with a high energy-resolution crystal multianalyzer. However,

the energy of the white line is independent of the mode of measurements.

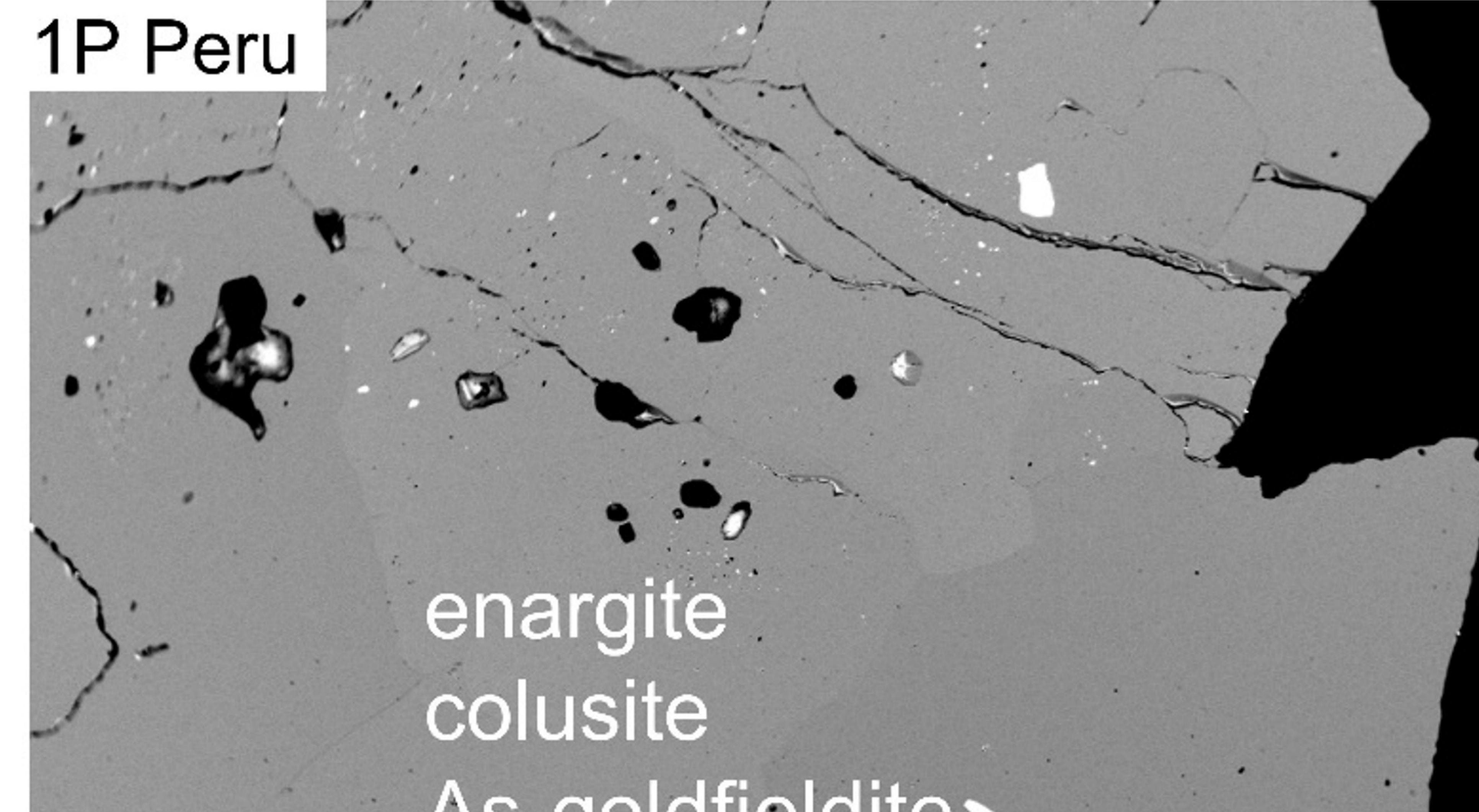
Figure 4. Micro-EXAFS spectra (a, b, c) and Fourier transforms (d, e, f) for colusite (spot 4 in Figure 3a) and As-goldfieldite (spot 2 in Figure 3a) with fits. The peak at about 2.5 Å on the Fourier transform of colusite is unexplained. The analyzed colusite grain is from a single crystal (Supplementary Fig. S10) and colusite does not have atomic pairs at this distance.

Table 1. ICP-MS bulk analyses of trace elements in Peruvian pyrite

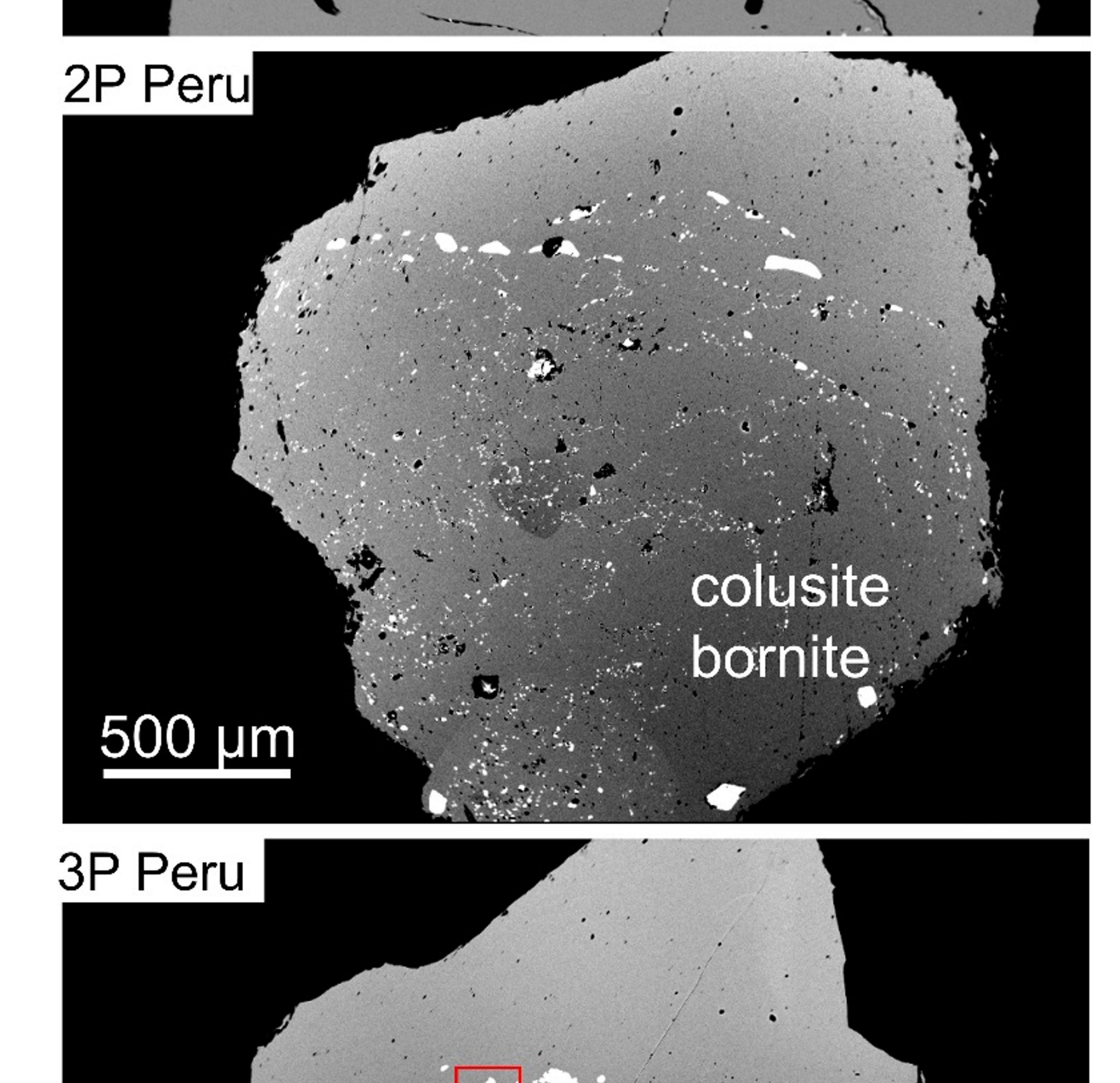
	Cr	Mn	Со	Ni	Cu	Zn	As	Se	Ag	Sb	W	Au	Hg	Pb	Bi
D.L.	0.5	5	0.5	0.5	0.5	5	5	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	2	0.05	0.5	0.5
1P Peru	6.4	150	4.7	3.9	1375.8	9	122	22	4.5	41.9	1.3	89	0.42	3	129.7
2P Peru	6.2	93	14.2	10.4	2498.8	27	265	49	9.4	16.1	1296.5	24	b.d.l.	123.3	164.5
3P Peru	b.d.l.	73	6	4.3	2837.9	19	169	21	11.1	76.2	5.2	150.5	0.37	4.8	126.3
<i>Notes:</i> All values are in ppm, except Au (ppb). Standard deviation $(1\sigma)$ is $\leq 6.5\%$ for all elements.															
D.L. – detection limit; b.d.l. – below detection limit.															
The high W content in 2P is attributed to sparse inclusions of scheelite (CaWO <sub>4</sub> ).															







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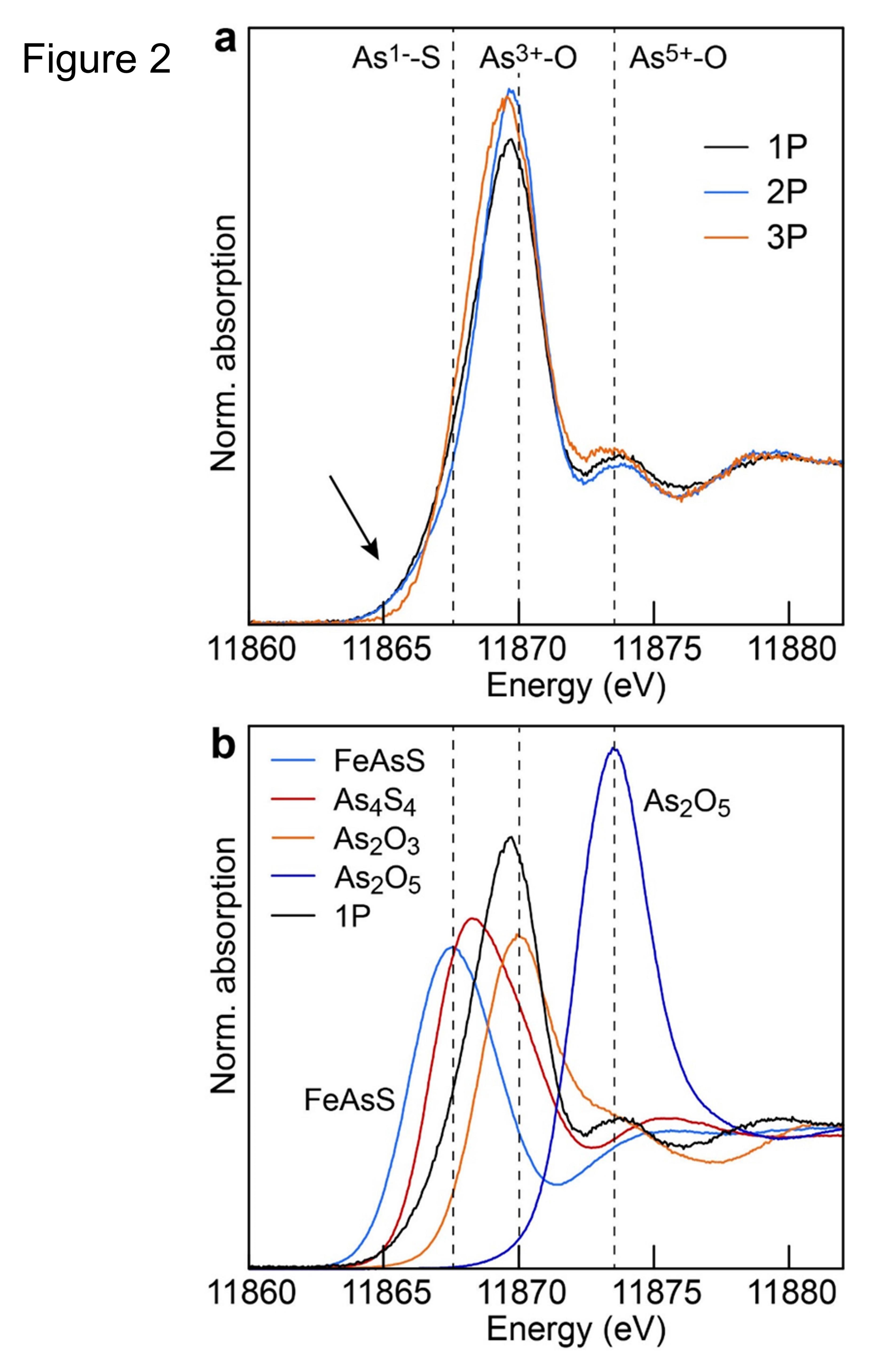


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
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
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